

VITAL NEWS

Idaho HOSA—Future Health Professionals

Spring 2015

To Do List:

- Study for your events!
- Start collecting loose change for the penny wars this year at our state conference!
- Prepare awesome raffle baskets!
- Hashtag your photos to be featured on the big screen and on our social media! #idahosa

Chapter Spotlight: Jerome High School

There are many noteworthy HOSA chapters flourishing throughout the state of Idaho, acting as inspiring and influential student organizations that benefit both members and communities alike. Chapters that work to involve students, schools, and communities not only help to spread the message of HOSA in a positive and beneficial way throughout Idaho, but also provide members with the ultimate opportunity to learn more about future occupations, meet new people, and help out in their own community! Jerome High School HOSA embodies the spirit of service with many events its HOSA members participate in throughout the year. From nursing home visits to helping their area's Toys 4 Tots toy drive, or participating in the Smile-Drive at the local Walmart, the Jerome High School HOSA group has been rather busy! Rachel Cook, a member of Jerome HOSA, even ran the community Blood Drive through Red Cross. Nationally recognized for their efforts in the Seatbelt Challenge, the Jerome High School HOSA Chapter sponsored an event that encouraged increased seatbelt usage in their own high school. Truly epitomizing involvement and service, we applaud the members of Jerome High School HOSA for their outstanding efforts throughout the year.



Inspirational Quote of the Quarter:

"The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one."

—Leonard Nimoy



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Measles & What You Need to Know

This year the measles has hit a variety of places - from camps in Nigeria all the way to cities and towns in China. Among many of these places stands the United States, a country where the measles was eliminated completely 15 years ago has been exposed to it once more. Although measles has had a large outbreak throughout the world, data by the World Health Organization states that the measles immunization rates are declining in most Western Countries due to personal beliefs, and could very well be the reason for this outbreak. Dr. Robert Kezaala, an adviser of immunization at UNICEF says "Generally, in the developing world, people welcome the vaccines. The vaccine hesitancy concern among the elite...this is not a major issue in immunization against measles, because people have seen devastation from the outbreaks. Although outbreaks were few and immunizations were at a low, the WHO warned that this could be a break in the progress that they were having. Measles still remains one of the leading killers of children throughout the world. A united effort including UNICEF, the WHO, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Red Cross, and UN Foundation is planning to have measles eliminated by 2020.

Sources: CNN and Nature

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Important Dates:

State Officer Applications Postmarked: March 30th, 2015

State Leadership Conference: April 8-10, 2015

National Leadership Conference: June 24-27, 2015

The Idaho State Leadership Conference will be held at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center in Boise. More information to follow on how and when to register at pte.idaho.gov/Health/HOSA/HOSA_Home.html

This coming National Leadership Conference will be held in Anaheim, California. Those competitors who place at least 3rd in their event or those who choose to run for National Office will be eligible to represent Idaho HOSA.